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## CURRENT ISSUES IN IMMUNIZATION NETCONFERENCE

A netconference was held on July 25 on influenza vaccine recommendations for the 2013-14 flu season. Clinicians were provided with the most up-to-date information by the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. The presentation will be available next week at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc).

## MDCH/MSU 2013-2014 FLU SEASON KICK-OFF WEBINAR

MDCH and MSU will be hosting a webinar to kick off the 2013-2014 influenza vaccination season on August 28, 2013 from 12:00-1:00 PM. The target audience is influenza vaccination providers. Information on how to register for the webinar will be sent in upcoming weeks. We hope you'll join us!

## AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9)

The first new case of human infection with avian influenza A (H7N9) to be confirmed since May has been reported, raising the outbreak total to 134. The case is a 61-year-old female and the first case to be reported from Hebei province, raising the number of affected provinces to nine. Her symptom onset was July 10. She visited live-poultry market stalls near her home before she became sick and had no recent travel history.

There is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission at this time. The World Health Organization (WHO) said additional reports of human infections would not be surprising, since some live-animal markets reopened at the end of June and the virus could still be circulating in poultry.

### Related Articles:

- CIDRAP: [Chinese woman critical with H7N9 infection](#)
- CIDRAP: [H7N9 study in human airway tissues adds to pandemic concerns](#)
- WHO: [Human infection with avian influenza A\(H7N9\) virus - update](#) (July 20)
- *Emerging Infectious Diseases*: [Clinical findings for early human cases of influenza A\(H7N9\) virus infection, Shanghai, China](#)

The following updates on H7N9 are available:

- [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)
  - [Selected H7N9 Publications and Resources](#)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)
- [Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy](#)

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

August is National Immunization Awareness Month! The National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC), along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has developed a communication [toolkit](#) to highlight the importance of immunizations across the lifespan.

The toolkit focuses on a different population each week of the month:

- Week 1: Off to college (young adults)
- Week 2: Back to school (children)
- Week 3: Not just for kids (adults)
- Week 4: A healthy start (infants and pregnant women)

## INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- [Sanofi Pasteur announces shipment of first lots of 2013-2014 seasonal influenza vaccine in U.S.](#)
- [MedImmune's nasal-spray flu vaccine ships for 2013-2014 influenza season](#)
- [Equine influenza breaks out at OSU vet hospital](#)
- [Partnerships advance global influenza vaccination campaigns](#)

## INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Researchers completed a study that uses mathematical modeling to explain the [multiple waves](#) of the 1918 influenza pandemic in England and Wales.

## ALANA'S FLU FOUNDATION SUMMER EVENT

Alana's Foundation is hosting a benefit on August 15 in Royal Oak called Cruisin' Summer Concert Bash. There will be musical artists and a book signing. For more information including where to buy tickets, see their [flyer](#).

## FLU WEBSITES

[www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)  
<http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>

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